(b) if so, whether the Railways are considering to make a provision for alternative arrangements, for the convenience of passenger of this area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) 491/492 Bhopal-Jodhpur Passenger is temporarily cancelled from 1.11.2002 due to operational requirements. Provision of alternative facility is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints. For the convenience of passengers, stoppage of 1057/1058 Dadar-Amritsar Express at Gulabganj is being provided *w.e.f.* 15.12.2002.

Enquiry Committees for rail accidents

2474. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enquiry Committees, appointed to conduct enquiry about rail accidents, take long time to submit their reports;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the unwanted delay in submitting their reports;

(c) the steps taken by Government after getting the reports; and

(d) the details of enquiry Committees appointed for enquiry of rail accidents and their reports, from 1998 to 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir, However, Judicial Commissions are appointed under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952. Detailed Reports are submitted by the Commissions after inquiry. Recommendations are examined and, wherever feasible, are implemented.

(d) Three Commissions of Inquiry have been appointed during the period from 1998 to 2002. These are as under:-

(i) *Justice G.C. Garg Commission of Inquiry*

This Commission was appointed in March, 1999, to inquire into the Collision between derailed coaches of 2903 Up Golden Temple Mail and

3152 Dn JammuTawi-Sealdah Express near Khanna station on 26.11.1998.

The report of the Commission is awaited.

(ii) *Justice G.N. Ray Commission of Inquiry*

This Commission was appointed in August, 1999 to inquire into the Head on Collision between 5610 Up Delhi-Guwahati Awadh Assam Express and 4055 Dn Dibrugarh-Delhi-Brahmaputra Mail on 2.8.1999.

The inquiry report was submitted in January, 2001. Action on the accepted recommendations are at various stages of implementation.

(iii) *Justice S. Saghir Ahmed Commission of Inquiry*

This Commission was appointed in February, 2001 to inquire into the Collision between 3005 Up Howrah-Amritsar Mail and derailed wagons of Dn Foodgrains Special near Sarai Banjara station on 2.12.2000.

The report of the Commission is awaited.

Train from Sambalpur to Delhi

2475. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of the people of Orissa, due to absence of daily, direct Express train between Sambalpur and Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken to run a direct train between Bhubaneswar and Nizamuddin *via* Talcher and Sambalpur, during the current financial year;

. (c) whether the existing Hirakud Express is proposed to be made a daily train, in addition to that new direct train; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) 8407/8408 Bhubaneswar-Nizamuddin Hirakud (Tri-weekly) Express is directly available forTalcher-Sambalpur-Nizamuddin passengers. Introduction of additional train between Sambalpur and Delhi and daily running of Hirakud Express are not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.